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**PETITION TO CLAIM BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120, 121, OR 365(C) OF A PRIOR  
COPENDING NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION (37 C.F.R. 1.78)**

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Dear Sir:

1. Applicant hereby petitions, in accordance with § 1.78(a)(3), to claim the benefit, for this application under 35 U.S.C. 120, of prior copending nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/935,519, filed 08/23/2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,635,916, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/229,488, filed August 31, 2000.

2. Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim for the benefit of the earlier application was due under paragraph (a)(2)(ii) of 37 C.F.R. 1.78 and the date this claim is filed was unintentional.

3. The surcharge fee set forth in §1.17(t) required by 37 C.F.R. 1.55(c)(1), is paid as follows:

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ 1,370.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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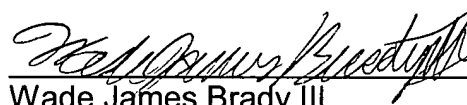
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4. An amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.312 to include a specific reference in the first sentence of the specification to prior copending nonprovisional Application Serial No. 09/935,519, filed 08/23/2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,635,916, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/229,488, filed August 31, 2000, is being filed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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